

The Board of Selectmen met on Thursday, March 7, 2013 beginning at 6:30 pm in the Main Meeting Room of the Town Hall. The following members were present.

Eric Kraus, Chairman
Michael Berry, Vice Chairman
Mark Gallivan, Clerk
Christopher Timson
Nancy Mackenzie

Also present:
Michael Boynton, Town Administrator
Cindy Berube, Executive Assistant

Mr. Kraus called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Kraus read the declaration into the record. I hereby declare that:

- Under G.L. c.30A, §21(b)(3) the purpose of the executive session will be to discuss contract negotiations
- That a discussion of the foregoing in open session could compromise the purpose for The executive session; and
- That the Board of Selectmen shall return to open session to continue the meeting.

MOTION By Mr. Berry to enter Executive session for the reason aforementioned by the Chair and the Board will return to open session, seconded Mr. Gallivan, voted by roll call; Mr. Berry-Aye, Mr. Timson-Aye, Mr. Gallivan-Aye, Mr. Kraus-Aye, Mrs. Mackenzie-Aye VOTED 5-0-0

The Board moved out of Executive Session and returned to the regular meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Berry announced that today is White Ribbon Day. The purpose is to educate and inform the public about violence against women. Hope to be part of the solution to end violence.

Mr. Kraus announced the 7 pm appointment to award students for their participation in the Video making for the Coalition of Alcohol and Drug awareness has been rescheduled for April 2.

AGENDA ITEMS

3-1 RTM apportionment

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Town Clerk, Ron Fucile spoke to the Board about the Apportionment of RTM. It is required annually per the Charter for him to bring this to the Board. The town has always included Cedar Junction as part of precinct 5, even though they can not vote. His recommendation this year is to not include them in the count.

Mr. Timson suggested that we do not make precinct 5 to have the smallest amount of representatives. He feels that would penalize them. There is no other precinct with this scenario. He is from precinct 5, and would not be pleased to see us drop down to the lowest number.

Mr. Kraus noted leaving it the way it is; you are giving them a bigger voice. Mrs. Mackenzie noted we can redraw the line to bring more people in. Mr. Boynton noted we are not obligated. For the most part the representation has been consistent. Since the 690 prisoners can not participate, if there is an exercise to remove them, than the lines should be redrawn.

Mr. Kraus agreed, the compromise is to redraw the line. You do not want to have 3 less RTM because 690 people are incarcerated. Mr. Berry feels the cleanest way is to follow the recommendation of the Town Clerk; the prisoners should not have been counted. He does not think redrawing the lines solves the problem. It is done as an apportionment. The sediment is that we want each district to have even representation.

Mr. Timson felt that topic should have been brought up before the redistricting. The Board tabled the discussion for the next meeting.

Special Election

Mr. Fucile spoke to the Board about the upcoming Special Primary Election. At the High School they can not use the cafeteria. Precincts 3, 4,5 must be housed in the library room. Mrs. Mackenzie would like the area blocked off so there is no access to the rest of the High School. Mr. Fucile noted it is the whole building; it is no different than any other school. That is the law. Mr. Kraus suggested he work with the school to come up with a safety plan.

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to hold the April primary in the High School library, and to work on a safety plan to ensure the integrity of the schools, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

OPEN FORUM: No One present

Town Administrator's Report

Snow storm update- updated the board on the conditions of the roads. Do our best not to call in contractors.

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MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to allow the DPW to over expend the Snow and Ice budget, seconded by Mr. Timson , VOTED 5-0-0

We will monitor conditions tonight; hopefully we can stay ahead of it. We are going to hold off doing snow removal downtown.

Computer equipment needed- MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to authorize the IT director to use \$4,000 from the Verizon cable contract funds for the network switches, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

FY13-Update on Article 5, we have two additional elections that need to be covered. Looking at \$25,000 to move to unemployment from health insurance account.

Municipal DPW Radio needs- being elevated to Capital budget, this is a result of narrow banding, over 70 vehicles, very few are eligible to be switched. We have radios that go back to the 1980.

Mr. Timson pointed out that we need proper communication, but he recalls the town has been buying radios. Mr. Boynton noted that after hurricane Irene we identified police and fire radio problems. What we funded was \$80,000 dollars for a generator. This is a very different dynamic. The radios are over ten years old or more. We have not done anything on this side of the house.

Chamber Breakfast-April 4 at the library.

Private Roads issue- for future agenda. No action tonight. Mr. Boynton would like to address them as a block.

Norfolk County Regional Veterans Services Update- the Town Manager from Medfield did not attend. I am not prepared to give you a positive recommendation.

Norfolk County Mosquito Control-lava spraying, Landfill site, they did not use it last year, they would like to move forward this April with same conditions.

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to support the request to use the old dump at Lincoln Road and West Street for helicopter landing subject to the following conditions.

1. Norfolk County Mosquito Control submits an insurance certificate that will cover any damage to this property incurred during such use.
2. The Gate entrance will be secured during landing or takeoff.
3. The Administrator's office is notified at least seven days prior to use of the property.
4. All landings and takeoffs must be completed before noon.

Seconded by Mrs. Mackenzie, VOTED 5-0-0

3-2 to 3-6 Street Acceptance hearings.

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to open the public hearing for North St. Circle, Old Town Rd, Starlight Dr. Walpole Park South, Gristmill Lane, Daylily Lane, Red Gate Rd and alter layout of High Plain Street, for acceptance seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

Margaret Walker, Town Engineer reviewed the various roads that are before Town Meeting for Street Acceptance. She is going to try to do everything digital next time. They could not find the record for this street being accepted. Lane Watson, 5 N. Street Circle wanted to know when is the next time it is going to be repaved. Mr. Boynton noted he does not know at this time, this is the first step in getting the road accepted.

North Street Circle

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to accept the Street layout of North Street Circle from its beginning to its terminus including any easements and utilities appurtenant thereto, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

Old Town Road, Starlight Drive

These two roads are part of the Pinebrook subdivision. These two streets were completed by the town as we pulled the bond. The developer left the project and did not complete the work. In order to take the money we have to accept and layout the roads.

Mr. Timson questioned if this road is up to standard. Ms. Walker noted there is enough, \$133,000 and \$25,000, we should mill and overlay the roads. Mr. Boynton noted you have to make the road safe, not beautification. The first 750 feet is already accepted.

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to accept the Street layout of Old Town Road from its beginning at Station 7+96+/- to its terminus at station 18+56.52 +/- including any easements and utilities appurtenant thereto, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to accept the Street layout of Starlight drove from its beginning to its terminus including any easements and utilities appurtenant thereto, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to recommend favorable action on Article 30, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

Walpole Park South

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to accept the Street layout of Walpole Park South from its beginning to its terminus including any easements and utilities appurtenant thereto, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

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Gristmill Lane and Daylily Lane

The Bonds have been released on these roads.

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to accept the Street layout of Gristmill from its beginning at Station 7+20 +/- to its terminus at station 15+12.83 +/- including any easements and utilities appurtenant thereto, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to accept the Street layout of Daylily Lane from its beginning at Station 0+26 +/- to its terminus at station 2+70 +/- including any easements and utilities appurtenant thereto, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

Red Gate

Red gate, this is only a portion of the road. The bond has been released for this portion of the road.

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to accept the Street layout of Red Gate Road from its beginning at station 0+26 to its terminus at 2+70 including any easements and utilities appurtenant thereto, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

High Plain Street

Ms. Walker explained it is a small strip of land in the area of 5,000 s.f. for widening of High Plain Street, to accommodate extra lane for Wal-mart. It is a town layout. There are three articles

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to accept the alteration to the roadway layout of High Plain Street, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

Vote Endorsements

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to sign the Street layout documents and the Acceptance Plans for Gristmill Lane, Daylily Lane and Red Gate Road and the alteration to the roadway layout of High Plain Street, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to have the existing plans for North Street Circle, Old Town Road, Starlight Drive and Walpole park south on file at the Town Clerk, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

Vote to file documents with T. Clerk

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie that the Board of Selectmen have the written layout documents and plan for the streets and alteration to the roadway of High Plain Street on file at the Town Clerk's Office, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

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MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to recommend Favorable Action on Articles 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 , 36,37, 38 seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to close the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

3-7 EDC, Associate Member

Mr. Slemmer is interested in serving on the EDC he got interested in it as a result of working with Paul Millette and has been involved in volunteer activities. Thought it was time to give something back. His expertise is in Finance.

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to appoint Michael Slemmer as an associate member to the Economic Development Commission , seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

3-8 Cable TV Advisory, Associate Member

Mr. Morton worked for the state. Was a school teacher before that and would like to be involved.

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to appoint Mr. Morton to Cable TV Advisory Committee, seconded by Mrs. Mackenzie, VOTED 5-0-0

3-9 Friends of Walpole Athletic Complex Press box

Dale Olmstead talked about Coach Lee; he brought great experience both off and on the field. To me being a football coach and not having something in his honor did not fit with me. My sons play youth sports in town, saw there was a need for a press box. Keep it John Turco the field, this would be to honor the Coach. The Athletic Director is supportive of it. They directed me to approach Greg Salvatore; he was very supportive of it. It is going to be a lot of work, put together a group to fundraiser. He reached out to some other class mates. A few months later, we had a fund raiser and raised \$40,000 that one night from players and banks. We were able to get a website. Great initial start and carry that momentum. Walpole Community TV picked up on this and had some funds to help out. This was a place they could film events. Great satellite facility for them and they came up with \$70,000.000 and with the help of Greg's committee. We were able to move forward and hope to break ground this summer.

Kevin Uniacke- it would be on the visitor's side of the field, final review of what will be internally. The roof has a temporary viewing and filming, not for public. They are looking at the addition of visitor seating in the front.

Once it is constructed it will be owned by the town of Walpole. We are extending the license, for the same principals to go. He thinks it will work great this time. Thank

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Mike Friscia, the School has been supportive. It is great another group has come along to give tribute to someone who deserves it.

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to reaffirm the license agreement with the Friends of the Walpole Athletic complex and to include the construction of the John E. Lee press box and stands and to authorize town staff to support the project as necessary, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

3-10 Purchase & Sales, Library

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to sign the Purchase and Sales Agreement between the town and Albert Giandomenico for the parcel of land and building known as the Old Library at 65 Common Street seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

3-11 Spring Town Meeting Warrant

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to re open the Spring Town Meeting Warrant seconded by Mrs. Mackenzie, VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to remove the language associated with Articles 21 & 22, seconded by Mrs. Mackenzie, VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to close the Spring Town Meeting Warrant, seconded by Mr. Timson, VOTED 5-0-0

Mr. Boynton noted that when it comes time to go through the budget, if there is a budget the Board members wish to speak about they can hold that budget and invite the department head in. He briefly reviewed Debt projections. Showed the different scenarios. Mr. Boynton likes option 5. Option 6 does not get us where we want to be. The more numbers we can get down the better.

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to sign the amended Spring Town Meeting Warrant, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

3-12, 3-13, 3-14 Use of A. Farm

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve the use of A. Farm for a family gathering on May 11, 2013 in honor of Ralph Knobel, on July 28th for a Mountain Bike Race and on June 1, 2013 for a plant swap, seconded by Mr. Kraus VOTED 5-0-0

3-15 Re-Appointment of Committee Members

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to re-appoint those members to Committees or Board that have made such a request seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

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Gary Riggott-Adams Farm	Richard Beauregard-Board of Health
James Finningan-Conservation	Robert Moody-Council on Aging
Edith Noyes-Council on Aging	Maria Serena-Council on Aging
Dolores Eftim-Council on Aging	James Pellegrine-Council on Aging
Amy DeVito-Education Fund	Roger Turner-Historical Commission
Cameron Daley-PBC	Bernie Goba-Housing Partnership
Richard McCarthy-Recreation	Ann Murphy-Council on Aging
Dennis Ricci-Recreation	Clifton K. Snuffer III-Ponds Committee
David Sullivan-Ponds Committee	Roger Turner-Historical Commission
Kevin Feeley-Insurance Advisory	Bernard Goba-PBC
Jeffery Abate-Special Police	Detective Reilly-Special Police
Ron Lestan-Trust Fund Com	Lorraine Boyden-Veteran's Services
Brenda Burke-Walpole Trails	Susanne Murphy-Zoning Board of Appeals

A special thanks to Shirley Esthimer and Victor Serena for their service on the Council on Aging. They chose not to seek re-appointment.

**The remaining applicants will be taken up at the next meeting.

3-16 Reserve fund transfer, Veteran Service

Mr. Boynton does not foresee any future requests for funds.

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to approve the Reserve Fund Transfer Request for the Veteran Benefits in the amount of \$13,000, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

3-17 Surplus

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to declare surplus the attached list dated February 27, 2013 of Town of Walpole equipment to allow for its removal/disposal or sale, seconded by Mr. Gallivan VOTED 5-0-0

3-18 St. Opening Permit application

Ms. Walker has asked the Board to amend the application for Street opening permit.

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to accept the revised street opening application, seconded by Mrs. Mackenzie, VOTED 5-0-0

3-20 One Day Liquor

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to approve the one day liquor license for Knights of Columbus for March 17, 2013, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

3-21 Gift Acceptance

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to accept the gift of \$32,000 from Verizon for the Emergency Operations and equipment, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

3-23 Chapter 90 completion

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to sign the certifications that project 10-02 are complete, seconded by Mr. Gallivan 4-0-1 (Mrs. Mackenzie abstained)

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to sign the certifications that project 11-02 is complete, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

New Business

Mr. Timson would like a topic for discussion. He noted we have our contracts coming up and interested in exploring to try and set up a system, for raises and compensated employees tied into undesignated fund balance. Auditors told us we should have a certain amount of money in undesignated funds. Assuming we were a private corp. Take those things into account, if we had a good year we could give out bonuses. Dealing with union scenario. Put the town in a good position, if we set up to work for employees it may not be a match. It is collective bargaining I would want it in Executive Session.

Mr. Berry-sub working group RT1A is meeting later this month and hope to come to the Board to talk about ideas.

MINTUES

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to approve the minutes of January 22, 2013, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to approve the minutes of January 29, 2013, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 4-0-1 (Mr. Kraus abstained)

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to approve the minutes of February 5, 2013, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to approve the minutes of February 14, 2013, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Gallivan to adjourn 9:15 pm, seconded by Mr. Timson , VOTED 5-0-0